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TO

Amend the Acts for the Establishment of a National Gallery in Dublin.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament Presented.
 held in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the 17 & 18 Vict.
 Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to provide for c. 98.
 " the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture,
 5 " and the Fine Arts, for the Care of a public Library, and the Erec-
 " tion of a public Museum, in Dublin:" And whereas a further
 Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Eighteenth
 and Nineteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled
 " An Act to amend an Act of last Session, to provide for the Estab- 18 & 19 Vict.
 10 " lishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and the c. 44.
 " Fine Arts, for the Care of a public Library, and the Erection of
 " a public Museum, in Dublin:" And whereas it is by the said first- a. 1.
 recited Act, amongst other things, enacted, that certain Persons there-
 in named, together with such other Persons as the Lord Lieutenant
 15 should approve, should be Trustees for the Building therein-after
 mentioned, and that it should be lawful for such Trustees to receive
 such Sum of Money as might be subscribed, given, or contributed,
 or might from any Source become available, for the Purpose of
 erecting a suitable Building in Dublin, to be devoted in part to the
 20 fit Accommodation of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture,
 [Bill 203.] and

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- and the Fine Arts, and the Remainder to the Reception of a public Library; and it is by the same Act enacted, that "it should be lawful for the Governors and Guardians of Archbishop Marsh's Library (anything in an Act of the Parliament of Ireland, intituled 'An Act for settling and preserving a public Library for ever in the House for that Purpose built by his Grace Narcissus then Lord Archbishop of Armagh, on Part of the Ground belonging to the Archbishop of Dublin's Palace near the City of Dublin,' passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, or otherwise, to the contrary notwithstanding,) to cause the said Library to be removed to the said Building so to be erected as soon as the same should be completed, and in a Condition to receive the said Library; provided always, that the said Governors and Guardians shall approve of the Plans and Arrangements of that Portion of the said Building to be appropriated to the Reception of a public Library;" and it was by the same Act further enacted, that certain Persons therein mentioned, and their Successors, as therein-after directed, should be and were thereby constituted a Body Corporate by the Name of the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland, with Power to the said Body Corporate to receive Devises, Bequests, Donations, and Subscriptions (annual or otherwise) of Land, Buildings, Money, and Works of Art, and to hold the same, and to lay out such Sums of Money as they should so receive for the Purposes of the National Gallery of Ireland in the Improvement and Enlargement of the Collection of Works of Art presented to or purchased for the said Gallery, or deposited therein, and the said Body Corporate should have the entire and exclusive Possession, Occupation, and Control, for the Purposes of their Trusts therein mentioned, of those Portions of the said Building so to be erected as therein-before mentioned, which should be, upon the Completion of the said Building, set apart by the Building Trustees for the Accommodation of the National Gallery of Ireland, and of all such other Buildings, Enclosures, and Appurtenances as should or might from Time to Time be required and obtained for the Purposes of the said National Gallery or any Part thereof, and that the Building so to be erected should be constructed according to such Plans and Specifications as should have been approved and agreed upon by and between the said Building Trustees, the said Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland, and the said Governors and Guardians of Archbishop Marsh's Library: And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted, that "The Persons who for the Time being should compose the said respective Bodies Corporate, that is to say, the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland, and the Governors and Guardians of Archbishop Marsh's Library, should be One
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" Body Corporate, under the Name of the Joint Trustees of the
 " National Gallery of Ireland and of Marsh's Library," and so soon
 as the said Building so to be erected as aforesaid should have been
 completed the said Building Trustees shall declare it to be so by an
 5 Instrument under the Hands of them or of any Three of them, and
 thereupon the said Building, together with the Ground whereon the
 same should have been erected, should become and be vested in the
 said last-mentioned Body Corporate for ever, subject nevertheless to
 the exclusive Possession, Occupation, and Control of those Portions
 10 of the said Building respectively to be occupied by the said Governors
 and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland, and the said Govern-
 nors and Guardians of Archbishop Marsh's Library, for the Pur-
 poses of their respective Trusts as aforesaid: And whereas by Inden-
 ture bearing Date the Fourth Day of August One thousand eight
 15 hundred and fifty-five, and made between the Right Honourable
 Sidney Herbert of Belgrave Square in the Parish of Saint George,
 Hanover Square, in the County of Middlesex, M.P., of the one
 Part, and the Royal Dublin Society for promoting Husbandry and
 other useful Arts in Ireland of the other Part, reciting as therein
 20 recited, the said Right Honourable Sidney Herbert, in pursuance of
 the Power and Authority for that Purpose given and reserved by
 the therein and herein-before recited Act of the Seventeenth and
 Eighteenth Years of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, and of
 any other Power in that Behalf enabling him, and for the Con-
 siderations therein mentioned, granted and demised unto the said
 25 Royal Dublin Society all that and those that Piece or Parcel
 of Ground lying between the House of the said Society and the
 Flagway on the East Side of Merrion Square (which said
 Piece or Parcel of Land is commonly called "Leinster Lawn"),
 30 containing in the whole Three Acres Three Roods and Thirty-
 six Perches Statute Measure, and situate, lying, and being in
 the Parish of Saint Peter and County of the City of Dublin,
 and which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is, as to its Con-
 tents, Dimensions, Abutments, and Boundaries, more particularly
 35 described in the Map or Plan annexed thereto, together with all
 and singular the Messuages and Tenements, and all Erections and
 Buildings to be built and erected thereon, and all Rights, Easements,
 Ways, Paths, Passages, Waters, Watercourses, Profits,
 Commodities, and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Piece or
 40 Parcel of Ground belonging or in anywise appertaining, to hold
 the same, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Royal Dublin
 Society and its Successors for ever, at and subject to the yearly
 Fee-farm Rent of Two hundred and seventy-seven Pounds Seven
 Shillings and Ninepence, payable half-yearly, as therein mentioned,
 45 and subject to the Performance of the Covenants and Conditions
 therein

Indenture of
 Lease of 4th
 Aug. 1855
 from the
 Right Hon.
 Sidney Her-
 bert to the
 Royal Dub-
 lin Society.

therein contained: And whereas in pursuance of the Provisions in that Behalf contained in the said firstly herein recited Act the Premises comprised in the said Lease, with the Sanction of the Board of Trade and Navigation, have been divided between the said Society and the said Building Trustees, and a certain Portion thereof 5 has been appropriated for the Purpose of the said National Gallery and Library, and the Rent of One hundred Pounds per Annum has been, with the like Sanction, ascertained as the Amount of the Rent payable in respect of the said Portion so appropriated as aforesaid: And whereas the Building by the said first-recited Act authorized 10 and intended for the said National Gallery and Library has been erected on the said Portion of the Premises so comprised in the said Lease of the Fourth Day of August One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at an Expense of Twenty-eight thousand Pounds and upwards, the whole of which (with the Exception of a Sum of 15 Five thousand Pounds, received by Subscriptions of Individuals for the Purpose of commemorating the eminent public Services of William Dargan, Esquire, in founding and sustaining the Great Industrial Exhibition of 1853, in Dublin,) has been voted by Parliament: And whereas, in consideration of the said Sum of Five 20 thousand Pounds so raised by Subscription, an equal Sum of Five thousand Pounds has been or is proposed to be voted by Parliament in aid of the Purchase of Pictures, and it is also intended to grant to the said Royal Dublin Society a Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be applied by them in the Purchase of a certain Piece of Ground 25 adjoining their Premises, in lieu of the Piece of Ground forming the Site of the said Building intended for the said National Gallery and Library as aforesaid, and in consequence of such Grant of Three thousand Pounds the said Royal Dublin Society have agreed to pay the entire of said Rent of Two hundred and seventy-seven Pounds 30 Seven Shillings and Ninepence: And whereas the Governors of Marsh's Library have declined to remove their Library to the Part of the said Building designed for the Reception of same; and it is expedient that the said Building, with the Ground on which the same has been erected, with the Rights, Members, and Appur- 35 tenances thereunto belonging, should be vested in the public Body herein-after provided: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: 40

1. The Tenth Section of said firstly herein-recited Act is hereby repealed for all Intents and Purposes.

2. The Commissioners of Public Works for the Time being in Ireland shall be a Body Corporate for the Purposes of this Act, and shall

Repeal of
s. 10. of
17 & 18 Vict.
c. 59.

The Com-
missioners of
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shall have a Common Seal and perpetual Succession, and shall and may take, purchase, and hold Lands and Real Estates and other Property, in trust for the Purposes of this Act.

Works to be a Corporation.

3. The said Building so erected and intended for the said National Gallery and Library, and the Lands and Ground forming the Site thereof, containing in front to Merrion Square One hundred and twenty-four Feet, in rear on the West Side Sixty-six Feet, on the South Side Three hundred and eighty-three Feet, and on the North Three hundred and fifteen Feet, be the said several Admeasurements more or less, with all Enclosures thereunto belonging, being the Portion of the said demised Premises so appropriated for the said National Gallery as herein aforesaid, together with all Ways, Easements, and Privileges thereto appertaining or therewith enjoyed, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, and their Successors, for all the Term and Interest created by the said recited Lease of the Fourth Day of August One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in trust for Her Majesty and Her Successors, subject to the Payment to the said Royal Dublin Society and their Successors of the annual Rent of *One hundred Pounds* by Two half-yearly Payments on every Twenty-fifth Day of March and Twenty-ninth Day of September in each Year during the said Term, the first Payment of the said Rent to be made on the Twenty-ninth Day of September One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and subject to the Observance of the Covenants and Conditions in the said Lease contained, so far as regards the said Premises so vested in the said Commissioners of Public Works as aforesaid; and the said Royal Dublin Society shall have all Remedies for the Recovery of the said Rent as are incident to a Rent reserved upon a Demise for Years.
- In case the aforesaid Sum of Three thousand Pounds shall at any Time hereafter be advanced and paid to the said Royal Dublin Society out of Public Monies, then from and after such Payment the said annual Rent of *One hundred Pounds* so payable to the said Royal Dublin Society shall cease and determine.
- Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery to use and occupy all that Portion of the said Building now used and occupied by them for the Purpose of the National Gallery, together with the free Use of all Ways and Entrances leading to and from the same; and, subject as aforesaid, all the Residue of the said Building and Premises shall be held by the Commissioners of Public Works, their Successors and Assigns, for such Purposes and Uses connected with the Advancement of the Fine Arts or of Science and Literature as may

The Building and Grounds vested in the Commissioners of Public Works.

In case 3,000*l.* advanced the Rent of 100*l.* per Annum to cease.

Provide as to Use and Occupation of Portion of the Building by the Governors and Guardians of National Gallery.

from Time to Time be directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The whole of
the Rent of
277*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*
to be paid by
the Society.

The whole of the said Rent of Two hundred and seventy-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Ninepence so reserved by the said Lease of the Fourth Day of August One thousand eight hundred 5 and fifty-five shall be paid by the Royal Dublin Society, and the said Society shall indemnify the said Commissioners of Public Works, and the said Land and Building so vested in them as aforesaid, of and from all Actions, Suits, Costs, and Charges whatsoever by reason of the Nonpayment of the said Rent, or the Nonobserv- 10-
ance of the Covenants and Conditions in the said Lease contained on the Part of the Lessees, so far as the same relate to the Premises demised thereby, other than the Portion thereof so hereby vested in the said Commissioners.

National Gallery (Dublin).

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